

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application. Claims 1-41 stand rejected. Claims 1, 11-12, 23, and 26 were cancelled. Claims 42-46 were added. Claims 2-6, 13-16, 18, 27-28, 30-31, 37, and 39-41 were amended. Claims 2-10, 13-22, 24-25, and 27-46 remain in the application.

The specification was amended to add the alternative term "displace interface", which has the same meaning as "network interface and controller", but is shorter.

Claims 11-12, 23, and 26 were cancelled as being redundant.

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 16, 25-26, 28-29, and 30-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kono (US 5,914,706). Claims 5, 17-22, and 37-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kono in view of Munyan (US 5,761,485). Claims 8, 23-24, and 35-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kono in view of Chang (US 2002/0101405). Claims 40-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kono and Munyan, as applied to claim 37, and further in view of Albert et al. (US 6,118,426). Claims 14-15 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kono in view of Borgstrom et al. (US 6,593,908).

The rejection stated as to Claim 1:

"Regarding claim 1, Kono discloses in figs. 7, 1 and 11, an electronic communications and user interface kit (see user interface (12) of fig. 11) comprising a display device (2), a plurality of separate electronic devices (9, 6, 40, 41) capable of directly utilizing the display device; and a portable container (1) with an interconnection system integrated into the container (1) and connected to the display device and the plurality of electronic devices for transferring display information from the plurality of electronic devices to the display device."

Claim 42, which replaces Claim 1, states:

42. An electronic communications and user interface kit,
comprising:
a portable container;
a wired communications network integrated into said
container;

a display device disposed in said container, said display device having a display, a display interface, and a transceiver, said display and display interface being operatively connected, said display interface being switchable between a first state, wherein said display interface is operatively connected to said communications network, and a second state, wherein said display interface is operatively connected to said transceiver;

a plurality of separate electronic devices disposed in said container, said electronic devices each being capable of transferring display information to said display interface via one of said communications network and said transceiver, said electronic devices each being independent and individually removable from said container without affecting other said electronic devices.

Claim 42 is supported by the application as filed, notably the original claims and at page 3, lines 17-22; page 4, lines 14-17; page 4, lines 21-22; page 4, line 27 to page 5, line 3; and page 5, lines 4-5.

In the kit of Claim 42, a display device is disposed in a container and has a display interface that is switchable between being operatively connected to a wired communications network integrated into the container and being operatively connected to a transceiver. Electronic devices in the container are capable of transferring display information to the display interface via one of the communications network and the transceiver. This appears unlike the cited references. It is noted that Kuo (US 2002/0084988), which was cited but not relied upon, a computer determines a type of connection (USB or PS/2), but this is unlike the wired communications network and transceiver of Claim 42.

Claims 2-36 and 43-44 are allowable as depending from Claim 42. Claims 2-6, 13-16, 18, 27-28, and 30-31 were amended to track the language of Claim 42. Claims 43-44 are supported by the application as filed, notably at page 4, line 29 to page 5, line 3 and at page 6, lines 3-20.

Claim 45 states:

45. An electronic communications and user interface kit,
comprising:
a portable container;

wired communications and power distribution networks integrated into said container;

a display device disposed in said container, said display device having a display, a display interface, a power source and a transceiver, said display and display interface being operatively connected, said display interface being switchable between a first state, wherein said display interface is operatively connected to said communications and power distribution networks, and a second state, wherein said display interface is operatively connected to said power source and transceiver;

a plurality of separate electronic devices disposed in said container, said electronic devices each being capable of transferring display information to said display interface via one of said communications network and said transceiver, said electronic devices each being independent and individually removable from said container without affecting other said electronic devices.


Claim 45 is supported and allowable on the grounds discussed above in relation to Claim 42. Claim 42 further requires that the display interface is swithable between being operatively connected to a wired communications and power distribution networks integrated into the container and being operatively connected to a transceiver and display power source.

Claims 37-41 and 46 are allowable as depending from Claim 45. Claims 37 and 39-41 were amended to track Claim 45. Claim 46 is supported in the same manner as Claim 43.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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